

**Mission Success Starts With Safety**

# **ESSP Pre-proposal Conference Safety and Mission Assurance**

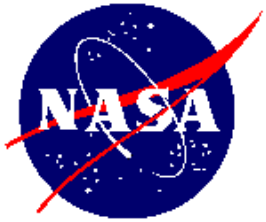
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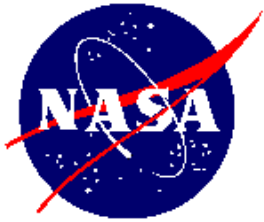
***Protecting the Public, Astronauts and Pilots, the NASA Workforce, and  
High-Value Equipment and Property***



## The NASA Safety Hierarchy:

- ¥ First, safety for the public. We absolutely must protect the public from harm
- ¥ Second, safety for astronauts and pilots, because they expose themselves to risk in high hazard flight regimes
- ¥ Third, safety for NASA workforce, because we owe it to our NASA workforce to provide them with a safe and healthful workplace
- ¥ Fourth, safety for high-value equipment and property, because we are stewards of the public's trust. In-briefing to SMA management

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## **Safety Message**

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- ¥ **Goal of zero injuries in the workplace. No activities at NASA are important enough to significantly compromise your safety or the safety of the public**
- ¥ **Your awareness in recognizing and correcting hazards and unsafe behaviors is the most effective deterrent**
- ¥ **Mishaps investigation often show, those involved either knew or suspected something was not quite right**
- ¥ **Trust your experience, check and obtain clarification**
- ¥ **Absolute worst thing would be that a future mishap investigation found that people suspected the problem, but remain silent**